

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1710
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DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD STATES
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have identified backward States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government have prepared a blue print for the development of the backward States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which this scheme is likely to be launched?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (e) : No, Sir. The Union Government have not identified any State as backward per se. One of the central points of focus of successive plans has been to lift the backward regions and States of the country. Planning and development of an area and allocation of funds for the purpose is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, the Union Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments in the development of backward areas by assigning, with the agreement of the National Development Council, appropriate weightages for differences in levels of development in the formula used for distribution of normal central assistance. Further, special central assistance is allocated under special area programmes and various poverty alleviation schemes.